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RNP/Monitoring Hurricane Information

- 1) **Working Overtime as part of the Disaster Team**-you may work overtime during emergency preparation/aftermath. Please have your nursing supervisor specify the dates you were required to work overtime on your performance evaluation.
- 2) **Drug Screens**-Continue to call in for your drug screens daily. If you live in a mandated evacuation area/affected area, the drug screen will be excused. However, those not in mandated evacuation areas or affected areas will be expected to screen as usual.
- 3) **Treatment/Evaluations**-if you are scheduled for an evaluation or treatment in an affected area and your treatment/evaluation has to be postponed. Notify the board at rnp@lsbn.state.la.us If possible, give new appointment date.
- 4) **RNP/Aftercare Meetings**-again if you are in an affected area these will be excused by the provider on the monthly reports.

Post Hurricane Update-9/9/08

If you missed any of your usual recovery meetings between August 31, 2008 and September 7, 2008, RNP encourages you to attend extra AA/NA meetings in the next few weeks. Particularly, this will help to debrief from the additional stressors of the storm and to help maintain sobriety.

A one week extension will be granted for the receipt of all monthly reports, employer, RNP, Aftercare, and calendars. All August reports will be due no later than September 17, 2008.

Drug screens in the **affected areas** will be excused on an individual basis depending on lab availability. Hair tests may need to be ordered in some circumstances.

Remember for future emergency preparedness, if you evacuate every effort should be made to arrange for testing in your new locale. If you are selected for testing, contact First Lab immediately for an alternate testing site.

We are watching hurricane Ike closely and will update the website if this should become problematic.